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Entitled: Methods And Apparatus For Improved Luminescence Assays Using Microparticles

This application is a Continuation of prior application No.08/998,137, Examiner S. Houtteman, Group Art Unit 1656

Enclosed are:

82 sheets of specification, 5 pages drawings.

A signed Inventors Declaration And Power of Attorney from parent application.

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